Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, V.A. 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003. The extended period expires on July 7, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for this extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted, 07/10/2003 GWORDOF1 00000127 09779216 BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP 01 FC:2251 55.00 OP GROUP 3600 Dated: July 7, 2003 Saina S. Shamilov 12400 Wilshire Boulevard Reg. No. 48,266 Seventh Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026 (408) 720-8300 FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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